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Thinking Out Loud

THE ANTI- SUBSIDY BILL

By EDW. C. UREN

We can hold the now powerful Farm Bloc responsible for the Anti-Subsidy bill, which has passed the House overwhelmingly. We shall have to consider this bill, which aims to knock out so called "roll back" prices very carefully, for it is beset with dynamic danger of uncontrolled inflation. And if there is anything that can utterly ruin this country with its present high morale and every one in it except the well-to-do, it is just this.

There is no sense in opposing the subsidy simply because it is promulgated by the administration, even though the administration has brought the threat about by its lack of courage and judgement in freezing both wages and prices when the war started.

The Farm Bloc's principal argument for releasing the brakes on farm products is that the farmers feel that they should be getting a greater percentage of the overstuffed earnings of the war workers.

That part may be all right from their standpoint, but they seem to overlook entirely a large part of the population who also bear in their humble way their share of the burden of war.

They are the so-called white collar workers; the army men with families to support, while they are away fighting; the professional men; those who have only their pensions to live on and those whose incomes are gauged by their investment savings, which are nothing to brag about these days.

In their hunger for profit the Farm Bloc seem to consider the people who keep the home fires burning as expendable, as do also those senators and representatives who are stampeded by the political threat.

There are three forms of subsidies: First the subsidy to support prices, which guarantees a certain minimum price for commodities, in which the government pays the excess price when necessary.

Second, the Purchase Subsidy, wherein the government may purchase foodstuffs in carload lots for resale to middle men at a loss in order to keep prices down. On these subsidies the government is spending 800 million a year—and the farmers have nothing to say against it because it tends to keep prices stable.

But the farmer is dead against any limit of cost to the consumer. And this is what the third, or roll-back subsidy is for. This is the sole bone of contention in the present fight.

The opponents to the subsidy point out, for instance, that some 100 millions have been set aside for the flour millers in order to prevent a possible rise of a cent a loaf in bread. The argument being that if bread does go up a cent a loaf we will spend 130 million more for bread. If it doesn't we will have this sum to spend for something else and the farmers, or someone else, will have also the 100 million subsidy to spend, thus increasing the amount of money for spending and of course adding to the inflation causes.

All of which may be good for the sake of argument, and that's all, for bread is but one item, and if it should go up 4 or 5 cents a loaf—what then?

So far we have been unable to find any suggestion or plan in all the controversy over this bill to prevent soaring prices. Nearly every family in these communities raised a vegetable garden this year and large quantities of garden truck of all kinds was harvested, and either sold or preserved.

We probably raised twice as much food as we ever did before, yet if you do to the markets you will find the prices for these very things sky high. Production is not sufficient to keep prices down.

We, the consumers, who are in the outside circle looking on while this hungry squabble for dollars and political favor is being staged, already have our shoulders bent under the staggering load of war, inefficiency and muddling that has been heaped upon us the past few years. To throw farm products, which are the means of sustaining life, wide open to the free manipulation of the Farm Bloc, or any other bloc, without strict control would be more than we could bear.

SEN. SEAWELL POINTS WAY TO IMPROVE DOWNIEVILLE ROAD

State Senator Jerrold Seawell, who for many years has aided in securing improvements of Highway 49, between Nevada City and Downieville, Sierra County, has ascertained a way which may be used to further improvements now. In a letter, received locally, the senator states he has made inquiries of the state department of public works.

The program which threatens to grow acute is that of transporting lumber from the mills, now being built at Brandy City by the Calida Lumber Company, over a highway that in many places is steep, crooked and narrow. The company proposes to send huge lumber trucks and trailers transporting a daily total of something like 120,000 feet over Highway 49, and is seeking the aid of the Sierra County Highway Association and boards of supervisors in both Sierra and Nevada Counties.

In response to Senator Seawell's inquiry regarding the feasibility of obtaining funds for this project, Harold P. Norton, writing from the office of C. H. Purcell, Public Works director, says:

"Due to the restrictions imposed by the War Production Board, any major construction contemplated on this road must receive the endorsement of the forest service and the public roads administration, and must be certified as to its essentiality for the war effort by the war production board.

"The contemplated development of the lumbering industry at Brandy City and the anticipated trucking of lumber over Highway 49 may place any proposed improvement of this road in the category of an access project.

"To instigate such an access project, the lumbering interests might place their request for the improvement of Highway 49 with the local forest supervisor who in turn would pass it on to the regional forester with his recommendation. Provided the contemplated improvement receives favorable recommendation as an access project by the forest service, and the public roads administration, the application will eventually be placed before the War Production Board for final disposition."

In other words, Norton states, money for such an improvement as contemplated must be provided by the federal government on a basis of war time need as an access road.

Highway 49 in the last ten years has been greatly improved over, perhaps, 50 per cent in length of its 47 miles. The section that especially needs improvement if it is to carry heavy traffic lies between the Middle Fork and the North Fork of the Yuba River. The Sierra County Highway Association and the Calida Lumber Company are bending every effort toward improving that segment of the road, though even there much of it will require little improvement.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER COMING FOR GEN. HANNUM

The California Hydraulic Mining Association meeting in Bret Harte Inn yesterday completed plans for giving General Warren T. Hannum, recently retired head of the California Debris Commission, a testimonial dinner at its January meeting. The date was left open to suit the general's convenience. It will probably be held in Nevada City though that, too, is not definite as yet.

Since the inception of the association, George Hallock, president, pointed out, Gen. Hannum has given every aid possible in carrying out its plans for the construction of debris dams and for obtaining the guarantees of gold gravel owners required by the government before the dams were constructed. His attendance at the meetings of the association and his advice have had a great influence in the successful prosecution of the association's work. This long comradeship in a common cause, Hallock indicated, has resulted in a lasting bond between the general, Mrs. Hannum, members of the commission and the association. The dinner, he stated, is for the purpose of cementing that bond.

Four Youths, Accused of Car Theft, Land in Jail

Deputy Sheriff Tom Dolley and Highway Patrolman William Gautache brought an automobile load of youthful, and alleged, lawbreakers to the Nevada County jail Thursday afternoon from Truckee, Nevada County.

Four were charged with car theft and armed robbery and were arrested Wednesday night in possession of a Long Beach car, allegedly stolen there. The youths were: LeRoy McGary, 17 a native of California; Jean Burgess, 16, born in California, also charged with trying to break jail in Truckee; Oavid Pattison, 16, of Long Beach; Bob Veal, 15, native of Texas.

Eddie Rogers, 18, was picked off a Southern Pacific train by A. Pfeendler, railroad policeman. He is charged with car theft and draft evasion, and was booked at the county jail as enroute to the U. S. Marshall in Sacramento.

DONATION DAY PARADE DEC. 22 IN GRASS VALLEY

With the closing of Grass Valley public schools for the Christmas holiday period set for Wednesday, December 22, that date has also been selected for the annual Donation Day parade and the annual Christmas theatre party for the young boys and girls of the community.

Local students will attend school on that day also, engaging in the minimum schedule, which will give the district credit for a day of school so essential in a school calendar which has been pruned to the minimum.

Dismissal of school will take place between 12:30 and 1 p. m. and will be followed at 1:30 p. m. by the annual donation day parade.

This parade will form at Main and Auburn streets in accordance with the tradition of past years and will proceed through the business streets to the Elks building where the donations of food, clothing and fuel will be listed and divided by the sponsoring organization, the Grass Valley Ladies Relief Society.

Businessmen of the community, service organizations and the relief society members will also march in the parade. The Grass Valley High School band will lead the procession.

The advance of this day from Thursday to Wednesday will enable the Ladies Relief Society to fill the larders of less fortunate families in time for Christmas dinner and holiday meal planning.

The co-sponsored children's theatre party by the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Del Oro Theatre management will follow the breakup of the parade or approximately 2:30 p. m.

The motion picture reels will be provided by the theatre management and the use of the theatre will be given without charge.

C. G. SWEENEY IS CALLED BY DEATH

C. G. Sweeney, resinent of Nevada City for many years, passed away last night at his home on High street. He followed the vocation of paper hanger and painter and was noted for his excellent work.

He leaves a wife and a son, Ben Sweeney, of San Jose. Funeral arrangements are in charge of Holmes Funeral Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rogers, Mrs. Frank Pearce and daughter, Miss Ada Pearce of Sacramento spent the past week end in Nevada City visiting Mrs. Pearce's other daughter, Mrs. J. Jackson and family.

Grass Valley Chamber Sponsors Kiddies Party

The Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce has announced its plan for a children's Christmas party on December 23rd in the local theatre. L. R. Jefford announced that arrangements have been made for the distribution of 200 pounds of candy to the youngsters on that evening.

Girl Scouts have agreed to pack the candy bags and help hand them to the children. The party this year, is was stated will be limited to children of pre-school age and boys and girls of the elementary grades.

Teachers Hold One-Day Institute in Grass Valley

Public schools through the county were closed Friday while teachers attended a one-day institute in the Grass Valley High School.

The program, planned by Walter A. Carlson, county superintendent of schools, dealt especially with local problems and the impact of war conditions on homes and school children.

The number in attendance was estimated at 100. Luncheon was served in the school's cafeteria.

St. Charles Hotel In Downieville Sold

The famous 80 year old St. Charles Hotel at Downieville owned and operated by Antone Lavezzola for the past 40 years, has been purchased by William Norton of Seattle, Washington. Norton will take over the property on December 15.

The hotel of three story frame construction was purchased by Lavezzola in 1904. Transactions centering about the hotel ran into millions of dollars, residents of the Sierra county town believe.

Nurses Association Will Elect Officers

All members of the California State Nurses Association, No. 48, and Nevada City nursing profession, are urged to attend an important meeting of the group to be held tonight at the home of Mrs. Mary Stewart at 441 Neal street in Grass Valley.

Election and installation of offiicers will be the main item of business before the session. All members are asked to bring their ballots with them. The meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock.

Home Service Aids Families of Soldiers

Mrs. Juliet I. Cox, chairman of the Home Service Committee of the Grass Valley Red Cross Chapter, has issued an appeal for more assistants in home nursing and staff aids.

She states that her committee has aided in 96 cases in which emergencies arose in the families of soldiers living in Grass Valley and environs during October and November. Help is given when soldiers families run in to difficulties while waiting for checks covering soldiers allotments. When cash is advanced it is expected to be repaid. In November, Mrs. Cox said, $701 was advanced of which $344 has already been repaid.

Former Resident of Blue Tent Passes

Miss Minnie Kahl, Nevada City reared teacher, died at the home of a sister, Mrs. Marie Fawcett of Clarksburg, Sacramento county on Thursday, December 9, friends here have been advised.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Saturday at East Lawn Chapel in Sacramento under the auspices of Clark Booth and Yardley.

Miss Kahl was a native of Blue Tent, Nevada county and attended the early Blue Tent school in her younger years. She graduated from Nevada City High School with the class of 1896 and continued to state normal school where she was certified as an instructor in California's educational system.

his opened a long career for Miss Kahl in the Oakland school department where she advanced to a school principal before retiring for health reasons.

Miss Karl was the sister of Alvin C. and D. L. Kahl, Sacramento and Mrs. Fawcett, Clarksburg.

Constable Jim Williams returned to his home on the Tahoe Ukiah Highway yesterday after undergoing a successful operation at the Sutter Hospital in Sacramento.

HUGE LUMBER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTED FOR FOREST HILL

AUBURN, Dec. 13.—The United States government through the U. S. Division of Forestry is ready to proceed with the development of a $1,250,000 annual lumber industry with this area.

Details of the plan will be outlined at length by S. B. Show, regional forester at a public meeting to be held before the Placer County Board of Supervisors in the court house on December 20th at 10 a. m.

One of the best stands of virgin timber in the United States is located i nthe Peavine and Mosquito ridge district of Placer county above Forest Hill, 55,000 acres of this best timber land was given by the government to the Central Pacific Railroad company at the time the transcontinental railroad was built. The railroad is now willing to permit the government to regain possession of this land. These 55,000 acres together with timber land in this same area already owned by the federal government will make construction of a $750,000 road into the timber track feasible.

Ownership by the government will also permit supervision of the timber cut to permit a sustained annual yield of from 35,000,000 to 40,000,000 board feet of lumber annually. The project would be developed with the thought in mind that the forests are the property of all of he people and not by any special interests.

The amount of timber available would permit operation of a mill similar in capacity to the Clover Valley Pine Board and Box Shook Company near Loyalton which has an annual payroll of $767,000. Up to the present time the timber tract has remained uncut, because it was not assessibye by road and construction of such a road would be too costly to either the government or private interests who might purchase the railroad land. With the railroad willing to sell to the government a large enough timber holding would be provided to make it feasible to build the $750,000 road. Those interested in the conservation of the forest lands also desire the land to be owned entirely by the government so that none of the land will be defortsted and all timber will be cut on a sustained yield basis. The project also permits the people to regain possession of 55,000 acres of land in Placer county which has been held idle by the railroad ever since they gained possession.

A similar project on a smaller scale was recently placed in operation in the Downieville district of Sierra county by the Calida Lumber Company at Brandy City. Business in Downieville has already started to hum because of this new development.

The plan calls for the government to build the road and then sell the timber rights to some large lumber mill. Timber approved for cutting by the U. S. Forest service would the nbe hauled to a mill site either in Forest Hill or adjacent to Auburn where logs would be cut into lumber. Here again the forestry department would permit mill operations only along greatest number of board feet per log.

Orchardists of Placer county would be interested in location of a mill within this area which would give a local supply of box shook.

$3,000 annually in taxes would be lost to the county in transfer of the 55,000 acres from railroad ownership to the federal government. The county however would receive $15,000 per year as the county's share from the federal government for the timber cut and would also receive taxes on all improvements which would come from construction and operation of a large mill, together with the enormous benefits which would come from a payroll of more than $750,000 per year.

Guerdon Ellis, supervisor of the Tahoe National forest invited the Placer county board of supervisors to attend a meeting in San Francisco before S. B. Show, regional forester to hear the project outlined in all its details and when they could not attend a public meeting was arranged for Auburn on December 20.

At this meeting the Placer county board of supervisors will be asked to give approval to a project which embraces all the elements of true forest conservation as well as providing a $1,250,000 annual industry for Placer county. Every section of Placer county would be benefited by the project.

The Placer county post war committee recently gave unanimous approval to construction of the $75,000 government road into the timber tract.—Auburn Journal.

WOMEN'S CIVIC CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC. 16

The Nevada City Women's Civic Club will hold their Christmas party at the Methodist Church on Thursday, December 16th, at 12:00 noon. They have invited the Nevada City Rotarians and their guests to participate in the dinner and program.

A dinner will be served at 12:00 o'clock in the Methodist Social Hall, followed immediately by Christmas carols by the High School Chorus, directed by Mrs. Carl Libbey. Mrs. Harold George, Grass Valley, will give a talk and demonstration on "The Use of Local Greens for Christmas Decorations." There will be a sale of miscellaneous articles for the benefit of the club's Christmas benevolences.

DEWITT HOSPITAL TO OPEN IN TWO MONTHS

AUBURN, Dec. 11.—Col. William Smith, commanding officer at the DeWitt General hospital, announces it has been necessary to postpone for a short time the employment of additional civilians. Colonel Smith points out as the hospital nears completion the present ceiling on employment will be lifted and additional civilians will be employed.

Colonel Smith was in San Francisco last week conferring with Col. Robert Skelton, medical supply officer in regard to equipment for the recreation hall to be used by the patients.

The DeWitt hospital is now prepared to admit cases of simple diseases and minor injuries among men on duty at the hospital. It is estimated that it will be two months before the hospital is officially opened for patients transferred from other hospitals.

One set of officers' quarters has been completed and have been partially equipped. Some of the officers have been assigned rooms.

Colonel Smith stresses the fact the hospital is not equipped to furnish meals to civic groups and when a civilian is a guest of the officers his or her meal is paid for by the officer. Rotarians, who held their regular meetings at the hospital on Tuesday eveninf paid for their own meals.

Further restrictions have been placed on visitors to the hospital grounds. At a future time regular visiting hours will be established and a public dedication of the hospital is planned for some time in the spring.

Clarence Johnson, resident engineer in charge of the construction, announces the contract for building the laundry has been awarded to MacDonald and Kahn, who have held the general contract.

Major C. E. Snow, chief of the surgical section, has arrived to assume his post on the DeWitt medical staff.

ALMOST OVER TOP

A new tabulation of Grass Valley's War Chest donations reveals that only $450 of the quota of $12,800 now remains to be contributed. Amounts left at the bank and receipts through the mail gave the fund a generous boost.

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JUST WONDERIN'

I wonder about Santa Claus—
As Christmas day is nearing,
In every store, on every street,
Saint Nick is now appearing;
He's here and there and everywhere,
With grotesque form and face and hair,
And disillusioned children stare and stare.

I wonder what we grown ups are going to do about Santa Claus. Time was, when he produced thrills of excitement; he was real to the children of former generations—a mysteriously beneficient personality who drove reindeers and was able to negotiate even the smallest of chimneys.

That is all changed now and the child who believes in the reality of Santa, must be credulous indeed. The dear old saint has been commercialized, almost to the point of debunking. Too many personal appearances, have made him as commonplace as the lamp posts along the streets and there isn't any thrill left in him.

Perhaps despite the evidence of our eyes, we are witnessing the passing of Santa Claus. It may be that the time is fast approaching when no child will be required to believe in him as a living reality and the good old saint will be retired to the department of child knowledge, known as "make believe". This will not be seriously regretted, if the spirit evoked by the Santa Claus myth is preserved and surely it must be preserved and developed into something even more beautiful in that better and happier era, which we hope may be created for future generations of young children.

After all, the spirit is the thing and the spirit of many an ancient myth has worked miracles in the hearts and minds of men.

There is, for instance, our own Paul Bunyan, just a myth created by untutored lumberjacks and muleteers of the great north woods, but the spirit of him has widened and deepened its influence year by year, and whenever there is a task that "can't be done," and wherever the word, "impossible" is spoken of a task that must be done, some one is sure to say "page Paul Bunyan, he'll put this job over," and the spirit thus invoked is seldom known to fail.

At this season of the year, as we read the Christmas Carol, Tiny Tim steps from the pages of a book and places his little hand in ours. Tiny Tim is just the gentle figment of a great man's imagination, but the influence he weilds knows neither bounds nor boundaries, it escapes the barriers of race, color and creed and speaks to the universal heart of mankind in a language all may understand.

Tiny Tim, you are as real as human pain and sorrow, fear and doubt, love and hope and faith. Through the dark clouds which envelop a world at war, we see your fragile form; amid the din and strife we hear your faltering footsteps at our side, above the discord of our restless lives, we catch the music of your voice and pray that the time may soon come when all the peoples of the earth may join in your Christmas prayer, "God bless us, every one."—A Merriam Conner.

"FEDERAL GRANTS-IN-AID"

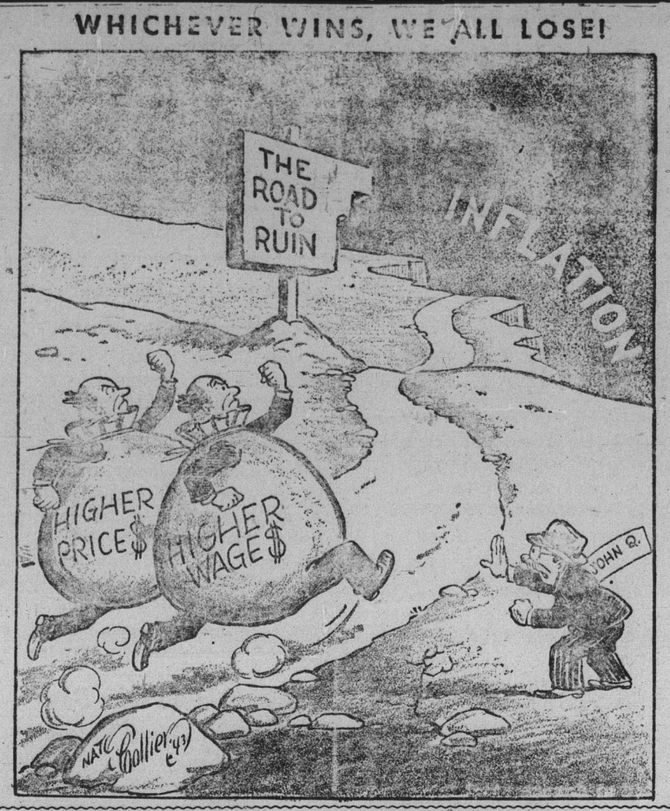
This book is a summary of federal subsidies to states and to organizations, programs and individuals within states. It documents what every citizen knows — that constitutional practice is not a mere reflection of the written word framed in Philadelphia in 1787, but proceedeth by every inference of every act over the years. It shows that the first subsidy was negative, the assumption of state debts growing out of their contributions to the common defense in the Revolution. It was designed to seal their common interest. Not until very recent times did federal subsidies by-pass the state government or exercise a leverage upon that government to levy taxes and make appropritions which in its sole and individual judgment it would not have done. It reveals that the process first of inducing states and then of coercing states has many stages between persuasiveness and compulsion and that what starts as humanitarian reform may end as a centralized bureaucracy.

The story of the exchange of liberty for order, stability and securityl under Fascism is the story not alone of wicked men, grasping for power and then abusing it. Far more tragically, it is the record of good men, gulled into thinking that measures distasteful in form were none the less tolerable because they were to be carried on for good ends. The lesson in the long run will be no better than the political means. In a democrary, ends and means are uniform.

The record here set forth is one of the deterioration of an instrument. Always the purpose has been sound, but as the means have departed from democratic principles, as local self-government has been encroached upon, and as the functions of the states have been determined in Washingtonfi the way has been opened for extravagance, for irresponsibility and for bureaucracy. The mastery of public business by the citizen has been neeedlessly obstucted, and the choices which he ought to make have been made at a distance and by the use of funds rather than at home by the use of his intelligence.

Some states pay out more than they receive in subsidies, while others receive more than they pay. This invites discontent and controversy among stats. It permits sectional feeling and impairs the national unity which is founded upon accentuating common interests and decentralizing the function of government as much as may be practicable.

This record, in summary, represents the effort to achieve social goals by means which adversely affect the democratic process and individual responsibility.



RATION FACTS FOR CONSUMERS

Sale of Used Cars—Anyone selling his car must first send or take any coupons for the vehicle remaining in his possession to his ration board and obtain a receipt in duplicate. The original copy of the receipt will be sent to the state motor vehicle registration department with the new owner's application for registration. The purchaser must use the duplicate of this receipt when he applies to his ration board for gasoline rations.

Dealers and others holding new or used vehicles, including passenger cars, commercial vehicles or motorcycles, for resale will be required to file an inventory with their ration board of all such vehicles on hand as of the close of business December 31st and obtain a receipt for each vehicle. Beginning January 1st, no vehicle is to be sold or transferred unless this receipt in duplicate is given at the same time.

Gasoline—A coupons are good for three gallons each through January 21st. B and C may be renewed within but not before, 15 days from the date shown on the cover of the book.

Tires—Continued shortage of both new passenger and truck tires makes extensive use of recapping more urgent.

Meat Points—Farmers selling meat must charge for meats as listed on the current consumer table of points. The points collected by the farmer should be sent to the local board each month.

Washing Machines—The WPB has released enough metal so that essential repair parts for washing machines can be secured.

Hard Candies—Specific cents per pound ceiling prices have been set for two special assortments of domestically manufactured hard candy.

Rugs and Carpets—The supply of carpet wool remains limited.

Luggage—All luggage, leather or non-leather, has been placed under price control, and the ceiling prices must be stated plainly on tags attached to the merchandise.

Industrial Users—Industrial users of rationed food will make application for all foods allotments at one time and on a single form after December 15th. The re-registration, between December 15, and January 5, 1944, will include all industrial users who have previously registered with OPA. Industrial users must make application for their remaining food allotments for 1943 before December 15th.

Sugar—The available supply of sugar is still limited, hence we can hope for no increase in the sugar rationing allotment.

Kitchen Fats—Retail meat dealers and other fats salvagers are authorized to give two points per pound for fats returned by housewives and others, effective as of December 13.

TEN YEARS FAITHFUL SERVICE

Irving Long, who writes Metropolitan Life Insurance for Nevada County, is in receipt of a handsome gold and white enamel pin bearing the caption: "Faithful Service." marking ten years in this field. The general manager of the company brought him the pin, instead of calling in all agents in Northern California for a big dinner in Sacramento as had been done in former years. This departure was due, of course, to travel conditions.

The fiber from California redwood bark can be combined with wool to produce an excellent wool-like textile.

HISTORICAL SIDELIGHTS

Editor's Note: Cities and towns of Northern and Central California have had a colorful and romantic past, the salient facts of which are known to most Californians. However, much interesting information about the early days of these communities is sometimes overlooked. With no pretense to historical completeness, the San Francisco Regional Service Committee has assembled some of this data in a series of articles of which this is the third.

FRESNO

Fresno, standing almost exactly at the center of the geographical center of California, has another claim to distinction — it is unique among larger California towns in that is has no Spanish or Mexican history. It is purely an American product — practically a creation of the Central Pacific Railroad.

In 1872 the railroad established a station (wnokn at first as Whistle Stop") near the tiny settlement which had grown up around the establishment of A. J. Manssen, a Hollander who in the 1860c sank a well. put up a watering trough and established a "horse restaurant" which offered water for horses for one bit (12 1-2c) a day, hay as well as water for three bits (37 1-2c). The railroad called the new town Fresno, the Spanish name for ash tree, though there was no ash trees nearer than the surrounding foothills.

At this time the only town of any size in the vicinity was Millerton, which in 1874 moved bag and baggage—and houses—to Fresno, in order to be on the railroad. Simultaneously it transferred to Fresno its status as the county seat.

Two agricultural developments (plus the spread of irrigation) contributed to make Fresno the principal marketing and shipping center of the San Joaquin Valley. One was the growth of the raisin industry, founded in California by Agoston Haraszthy, a Hungarian viticulturist. Today the Fresno district is the "raisin center" of the world, producing 60% of the raisins in the United States.

The other development grew from experiments started in 1886 by F. Roeding in Smyrna fig culture. The ridicule Roeding met from other ranchers seemed justified when his fig trees refused to bear. But in 1889 he imported a fig wasp by which alone the Smyrna fig can be cross fertilized, and thus founded another great California agricultural industry.

Next: "Stockton."

BOY SCOUTS CLEAN OUT TRINITY CHURCH DEBRIS

Fifteen Boy Scouts volunteered to clean out the fire debris in Trinity Episcopal Church Saturday and the rector, Rev. Cedric Porter, reports that they did a splendid job.

The boys cleaned the church interior thoroughly, removing the burnt carpets and charred wood, sorting their gleanings into piles outside the building for disposal and haulage. They then attacked the basement where the worst damage was done, cleaned that, and stowed into it two cords of wood for use in the furnace.

At noon a big surprise awaited the lads. Mrs. Fred Anderson assisted by Mrs. William Kensinger served them a hot lunch of hot dogs, beans, chocolate and cookies. Late in the afternoon when the job was done, Rev. Porter escorted them to a confectionery in town and treated them all to over-sized milkshakes.

Miss Elma Hecker, county treasurer and ex-officio tax collector, states that county taxes paid into the county treasuer's office up till Monday evening amounted to $169,672.97. Most of this was in first installments though many paid the full year's taxes.

No. 4820
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA.

In the Matter of the Dissolution of FOUNAIN HEAD GRAVEL MINING CORPORATION, a corporation.
NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PETITION FOR APPOINMENT OF TRUSTEE.

The petition of Fernande Muller and Frank Wright for the appointment of a Trustee to proceed with the winding up of the affairs of Fountain Head Gravel Mining Company, a dissolved corporation, having been filed pursuant to Section 403-B of the California Civil Code and the Court by its order, having fixed the time and place for the hearing of said petition and having prescribed the notice to be given thereon,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Friday, the 17th day of December, 1943, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day has been appointed as the time and the Court House of the said above entitled Court at Nevada City, Nevada County, California, has been appointed as the place at which said petition is to be heard at which time and place any person interested therein may appear and show cause if any he has why said petition should not be granted.

Dated: November 17th, 1943.
R. N. McCORMACK,
Clerk of the above entitled Court.
Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6. 13.

PROBATE
No. 4358
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF THE TIME APPOINTED FOR PROBATE OF WILL
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

In the Matter of the Estate of DOMINGO CASCI, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Monday, the 20th day of December, A. D. 1943, at 10 o'clock A. M. of that day, and the Court Room of said Court, at the Court House, in the City of Nevada, County of Nevada, State of California, have been appointed as the time and place for proving the last will of said Domingo Casci, deceased, and for hearing the application of Mary Casci for the issuance to her of Letters Testamentary thereon.

Dated: December 8th, 1943.
R. N. McCORMACK, Clerk.
By R. E. DEEBLE, Deputy Clerk.
Dec. 9, 13, 16.

PROBATE
No. 4343
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF TIME APPOINTED FOR PROBATE OF WILL
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

In the Matter of the Estate of WM. HY SEMMONS, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Monday, the 20th day of December, A. D. 1943, at 10 o'clock A. M. of that day, and the Court Room of said court, at the Court House, in the City of Nevada, County of Nevada, State of California, have been appointed as the time and place for proving the last will of said WM. HY SEMMONS, deceased, and for hearing the application of RONALD L. PASCOE for the issuance to him of Letters Testamentary thereon.

Dated: December 3rd, 1943.
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Dec. 6, 9, 13.

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PORCUPINES ARE EXPENSIVE PEST, SAY FORESTERS

Considerable damage by porcupines to pine and other timber has been noted by forest officers of the Tahoe national forest. Forest Supervisor Ellis states that porcupines are especially fond of young pines, but will also forage on older trees.

The porcupine lives on the bark and buds of conifer trees and in the winter, when other forage is scarce, They will stay in a tree until it is badly damaged. Many of the small spiked top pines seen on the forest are the result of this porcupine work.

Attempts have been made to control numbers by hunting, and the biological survey in 1933 and 34 killed many hundreds of these large rodents on the east side of the forest. Hunting is entirely practicable and efficient, but it is expensive, so other means were devised by the Fish and Wild Life Service (formerly the Biological Survey) to control rodent damage by poison bait.

Damage to power and telephone poles was brought to the attention of Supervisor Ellis by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and forest rangers, who had noticed severe damage to poles by porcupines. This rodent is very fond of salt. Therefore, any wood that has been handled much, such as old buildings, boxes, or poles is chewed up by the rodent in its effort to get the salt.

The power poles on the Ancho-Erie and Alleghany power line were badly damaged and had to be replaced shortly after being installed. The power poles along route 40 to the summit were also damaged. Because of this continued replacement necessitated by the porcupines, the Wild Life Service, with offices in Sacramento were appealed to for assistance in working out an effective method of stopping this damage. Accordingly, Mr. Elliott, of the Wild Life Service, came to Nevada County and assisted the power crew in placing poison blocks on the power poles along the line from Plum Valley to Alleghany, and the line from German Bar to the Ancho-Erie mine.

These blocks are wood blocks with a hollowed out receptacle in which is placed a mixture of salt, powdered strychnine and magnesium carbonate in proportion of 16-1-12 of each. This block is then nailed or wired to the tree or pole far enough above the ground to be out of reach of game or domestic animals. In this instance, the blocks were fastened 20 feet up on the poles where they will remain until all indications of rodent damage has ceased. This mixture will last a long time and is only slightly affected by storms. The wood becomes impregnated by the solution and is actively effective until entirely consumed.

It is expected that future damage to poles and consequent expensive replacements can be eliminated. A check on results will be made by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and forest officers and a record kept of the success of the project.

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GRIM REAPER ALSO RAN

City Clerk Everett Deward of Grass Valley reports that during November 13 new citizens were registered as against five deaths.

NEW PEAK IN STATE INDUSTRY AND FARMING

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—New high levels for California in employment, production of war goods, and cash farm income will be reached in 1943 according to a preliminary review of the economic conditions for the year just issued by the Research Department of the California State Chamber of Commerce. The comprehensive report presents detailed information concerning California's population, employment, individual incomes, war supply and facilities contracts, agricultural income, factory employment and wages, building construction, mining, domestic trade, and cost of living.

According to the report, total employment in manufacturing industries during 1943 will average 1,100,000 compared to an average of 856,000 in 1942 and 381,000 in 1939. The increase over 1942 will be about 28 per cent. Wage payments to factory workers during the first ten months of the current year will total approximately $2,300,000,000, an increase of 58 per cent over 1942. Average weekly earnings of factory workers have doubled since 1939, reaching $53.08 in October of this year as compared to $47.03 in October 1942.

For the first nine months of 1943 war supply contracts awarded in California totaled $2,786,323,000. The major portion of these new war supply contracts were for aircraft which amounted to $2,216,323,000.

Incomplete data indicated that California's cash farm income for this year will total $1,500,000,000 as compared to $1,148,000,000 in 1942. Farm returns in 1943 will be 140 per cent above the 1939 total. To date cash farm income from marketings has been 36 per cent above the 1942 level as compared with an average increase of 32 per cent over the nation as a whole.

Estimates of civilian population for California now stand at 7,600,000 a net increase of 732,000 since April 1940. Of this increase 412,000 was in the Southern counties, principally in the Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego metropolitan centers. The remaining 320,000 net increase was in the Northern counties, largely concentrated in the San Francisco metropolitan bay area.

Incomes of individuals in California for the current year are forecast at $11,100,000,000, attributable principally to the vast war expenditures by the national government. Of this unprecedented total, over $8,000,000,000 or 72 per cent will be in the form of wages and salaries. This is an increase of 270 per cent over the prewar 1939 level.

Dollar volume of retail trade in California will approximate $5,000,000,000 this year as compared to $4,382,000,000 last year. Despite a 27 per cent decline in sale of durable goods, total sales show an increase of 14 per cent over last year compared to an average of 8.9 per cent over the country as a whole.

Living cost, the report states, leveled off about the middle of the year the indexes for October showing an increase of 2.9 per cent over the corresponding month of last year in Los Angeles, and an increase of 4.2 per cent in the San Francisco bay region.

CONVERSION POLICY NEEDED FOR POST WAR

By JAMES PRESTON

The pattern for manufacturing's reconversion to civilian production is taking form, with limited industrial demobilization already getting under way.

This does not mean any slackening of the war effort. On the contrary, it means an intensification of it in selective lines of industry.

The fact is, however, that we have reached the point where more efficient scheduling makes possible the production of needed war goods with less facilities and materials.

Washington has been slow to grapple with the conversion problem apparently fearing that its motives might be misunderstood and that discussion of post war problems and contract cancellations might divert from war production.

But with Sen. Walter F. George (D. Ga.) reporting that 10,000 war contracts have been cancelled and that plant conversion and disposal of surplus materials already have started, the capital realizes that determination of a uniform overall conversion policy requires immediate consideration.

Presidential adviser Bernard Baruch has stated he will not head any operating agency to handle industrial reconversion. There are indications that making WPB the top reconversion agency and Chairman Donald Nelson the top reconversion director are under consideration.

Under such an arrangement the WPB would perform a demobilization task comparable with its mobilization of industry for war, functioning primarily as an administrative agency and supervising the flow of materials while exacting compliance with its orders.

WPB would work through its various industry advisory committees, depending upon these industrialists to help guide the reconversion program. This would end much of the confusion that has attended consideration of this vital postwar problem thus far.

Elko, Nevada, population 5000, is the chief trade and service center for an area as large as New Jersey, Connecticut and Rhode Island, combined.

Many Californians overpay their state income tax through failing to remember that the state's personal exemptions are much higher than federal personal exemptions.

Chicago had a robbery rate in 1942 of 154 per 100,000 population compared to 6.6 per 100,000 in Milwaukee 50 miles away.

Observatory Point on Lake Tahoe was so named because it was once chosen by James Lick as the site for the observatory later established on Mt. Hamilton.

Tulare County derives its name from a Spanish word meaning a marshy place in which tules grow.

INDUSTRY AND LABOR TO SIT DOWN AND PLAN

The time being ripe for good news on the home front, there comes the announcement this week that the top men of industry and labor will unite in an "on the record" discussion about postwar jobs.

The leaders of the National Association of Manufacturers, the AF of L and the CIO, among others, will sit down together in New York on December 8 in the special "jobs in peacetime" panel of American industry's Second War Congress.

Announcing that William Green and Philip Murray, the labor chiefs, had accepted invitations to participate, E. C. Crawford the NAM head, added:

"Such a conference does not represent a compromise in the basic position of either labor or management, and does not mean that anybody is ready to throw in the towel.

"It does mean, I believe, that we agree that a policy of reasonableness will carry us farther than a policy of conflict, along toward our common goal of a better standard of living for all.'

The big postwar problem is maximum production for full employment Mr. Crawford said, "and it is a good thing for labor and management to get together in this sort of conference to thrash out the problems that concern the common welfare."

It will be the first time that the top leaders of industrial management and labor have sat down together for a comprehensive round-table discussion of the postwar job problem.

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Maurice E. Murray—

RANDOLPH FIELD, Texas, Dec. 13.—Climaxing a year of peak production of fighting airmen, the 11 advanced pilot schools of the central unit of the Army Air Forces Training Command today awarded silver wings to thousands of new fighter and bomber pilots. Included among them was Maurice E. Murray of 408 Factory Street Nevada City.

Even as the graduates were dispersed to new assignments preparatory to entering active operations against the Axis, the training stations were beginning work with a new group of advenced flying students who will form the first graduating class of 1944 early in January.

Stuart H. Penrose—

Cadet Stuart H. Penrose, 418 Winter street, Nevada City, is among the 34 cadets constituting the first class to complete the basic engineering course of the Army Specialized Training Program at Indiana University. Commencement for the cadets was held Thursday (December 2) and certificates were presented to each of the graduates by Col. R. L. Shoemaker, commanding officer of army personnel at the university.

Half of the class, which entered on the nine months' program with advanced standing, will go on to an engineering school to complete their training and the other half will return to field duty with the army.

Staff Sergeant Don E. Bosworth—

A Christmas card has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martine from Don E. Bosworth, now advanced to staff sergeant in parachute infantry. He now gives his address through the New York City post office indicating he has gone overseas. He is with Service Company 507, parachute division. His wife and infant child now reside in Grass Valley with his wifes parents.

Virgil Giani—

Virgil Giani, known here among relatives and friends as Jimmie, sent a Christmas message to A. Pratti from somewhere overseas. The letter carried a New York address. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Giani was born and reared in Nevada City and was a football player on the local high school teams several years ago.

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Personal

Mrs. Sadie Rogers formerly of Nevada City, is quite ill at the home of her daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Trewhella, in Alleghany. She fell recently in the home and was severely bruised. Word from her Sunday was that she was showing improvement. Her other daughter, Mrs. Louie Davidson, came up from the bay region reaching Alleghany Friday. and will spend some time with her mother.

Miss Alice Murchie returned a few days ago from Sacramento where she went to attend the funeral of her cousin the late Miss Maude Murchie.

Mrs. L. R. Mullin returned the latter part of the week from San Francisco where she enjoyed a few weeks visit with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Kittie Kimball spent Saturday in Sacramento attending to business affairs returning in the evening.

John Gwin, son of Mrs. Dorothy Gwin, was able to be down town Friday for the first time since his recent operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pratti of San Francisco spent the past week end in Nevada City visiting Pratti's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pratti of Clark street. He is engaged in war work in one of the bay ship yards.

Mrs. Elmer Durbin and Mrs. James Cornell enjoyed a successful pheasant hunt Saturday in the Sacramento Valley.

Mrs. Ed Martine visited with her brother, Lt. Murray R. Pryor, and family in Woodland Saturday. He is on a five day furlough from Ft. Baker near San Francisco. She also saw her new niece for the first time, the baby being born November 29. Mrs. Martine joined her sister Miss Frances Pryor at Sacramento and they motored to Woodland.

FARM LEADER BLASTS FEDERAL SUBSIDY PLAN

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 13.—"The administration's food subsidy program, if continued, will lead the nation down the road to economic chaos—with complete political control, scarcity, excessive debt, and disastrous inflation the ultimate outcome," Ezra T. Benson, executive secretary of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, declared today.

"Already, America's weekly grocery bill is being subsidized to the tune of over $800,000,000 a year," Benson stated. "This money, borrowed by the public to help pay for its groceries, comprises one of the greatest inflationary threats existing in this country today.

"Furthermore," the national co-op leaded continued. "every time a subsidy fails in its purported objective of keeping the general price level down a new and bigger one is likely to be added — creating a 'subsidy spiral' that will lead to ruinous inflation."

Benson pointed out that the average American wage earner today is receiving nearly twice as much as in 1939, yet he is spending only 20 per cent of his income for food — the lowest percentage on record. He is eating far better than he did in 1939 too, for if he were eating the same kind and quality of food, he would be spending only 16 cents out of each dollar, Benson explained.

"America must operate on a pay-as-you-go basis for its current food bill. High priced subsidies, which shove the debt burden over onto the men now fighting for freedom, and onto their children, are no part of a pay-as-you-go policy," Benson concluded.

MANY MOURN PASSING OF AL JOY, NEWSMAN

Alexander Cartwright Joy was born December 11, 1879 in Sutter Creek, Amador County, Much of his boyhood was spent in Sanger, Fresno County, where he was graduated from the Sanger Grammar School. Here he had his first newspaper training, working after hours as a "printer's devil" in the office of the Sanger Herald under the late E. P. Dewey.

After attending Fresno High School and working during vacations on local newspapers, Joy entered Stanford University in 1900. He remained in college two years, paying part of his expenses by setting type for the Stanford Daily.

Then followed service on the Fresno Republican, Fresno Herald, Fresno Tribune, and Seattle Star, part of the time as a reporter and part as city editor. During those early years of his life he had his fling on the stage too. playing comedy parts with travelling stock companies in California, Honolulu and once with the Alcazar Stock Company in San Francisco.

For many years he was a member of the San Francisco Examiner's staff, as reporter, drama critic, political writer, sports writer and sports editor. While engaged in this work he studied law and in 1915 was admitted to the bar. He never practiced.

In 1918, Joy was publicity manager for W. D. Stephens, elected governor in that year and in 1920 he was national publicity manager for Hiram W. Johnson's sunsuccessful campaign for the presidential nomination.

Returning to Fresno he became publicity director of the Sun Maid Raisin Growers Association and in May, 1922, joined the San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation as advertising manager. Later on he was made a member of the corporation's board of directors. When the San Joaquin utility and the Great Western Power Company were consolidated with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company in 1930 he became advertising and publicity manager of the parent company, a position he had held continuously ever since.

He was a member and officer of many organizations, having served as president of the San Joaquin Valley Baseball League, California Raisin Festival Association, San Francisco Electric Development League, San Francisco Press Club, San Francisco Advertising Club, and the Public Utilities Advertising Association of America. Al Joy served two terms as "Father' or president of The Family, a San Francisco club of which he was the only Honorary Life Member. He was the author of three of the club's "Flight" plays and numerous other works for club entertainment.

Joy is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Smith of Los Angeles; a son, Donald E. Joy, now in the armed forces; and three sisters, Mrs. T. A. (Letha) Mutton and Mrs. E. A. (Lila) Devereaux, who resided with him at his home, 2734 Benvenue Avenue, Berkeley, and Mrs. J. P. (Flora) Wilkins of Fowler, California. His wife, to whom he was devoted, died in November, 1938. The late Dr. William M. Joy of Kansas City and the late Mrs. Jessie Blade, were his brother and sister.

Ice Cream, Headliner, For Boys On Leave

The Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Press, in a recent issue, "spins a few" about a Flying Fortress crew, home after 51 successful missions—says the press, "These boys are home to their own idea of Heaven—a place where ice cream abounds and flak and fighters are forgotten."

Their pilot, spending a well-earned leave with his family while awaiting new assignment "is a one-man mission against the icecream dealers in his home town."

"I like icecream," his wife declares, "but a quart for breakfast, lunch and dinner every day is getting monotonous. Then in the evening he usually walk down and get s some more And I can't get him to pass a bakery shop or fruit stand. He just wants to stand there and look at the stuff."

"You bet," her husband broke in, "we used to wonder sometimes, when the flak and fighters were thick, if we'd ever get to heaven. Baby, I'm there right now. Let's go get some ice cream."

The redwood tree, Sequoia Sempervirens, is found only in the Coast Range of California.

STATE NOW HAS CASH BALANCE OF $103,411,599

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 11. — State Controller Harry B. Riley today announced that the state's general fund cash excess over current oblizations on November 30, 1943, was $103,411,599, as compared with an excess of $103,141,469 at the end of the preceding month, and an excess of $59,494,379 on November 30, 1942.

General fund revenues deposited in the state treasury during the first five months of the present fiscal year, ended November 30, 1943, totaled $107,031,080, an increase of $1,074,965, or 1.10% over collections for the same period last year.

The major increases in revenue occurred in the band and corporation franchise and corporation income taxes, which increased $6,811,278 or 41.07% and in the personal income taxes which increased $3,472,271 or 58.88% over the corresponding period last year. These and other similar increases were partially offset by decreases in other revenues reslting in a net total increase of $1,074,965.

The major decrease in revenue occurred in the rtail sales and the use taxes which decreased $9,987,383 during the same period. This decrease said Riley, was due in part to the legislative cut in the tax rate from 3% to 2 1-2% effective July 1, 1943 and in part to the earmarking by the 1943 legislature of 20% of this revenue for a reserve for post war construction projects. This earmarking has added $12,760,822 to the post war employment reserve fund since July 1, 1943.

General fund expenditures during the first five months of the present fiscal year, as announced by Riley, totaled $88,220,445 an increase of $27,347,080 over those for the same period last year. The major portion of this increase, however said Riley, was caused by the transfer to the highway fund of $13,500,000 appropriated by 1943 legislation for surveys and rights of way for post war highway construction. Another major factor contributing to the increase in expenditures was the cost of aid to aged which increased $11,332,957 during the first six months of the present fiscal year over the same period last year. This increase, Riley pointed out, is due almost entirely to the increased proportion of the total cost of this aid which is borne by the state as a result of 1942 legislation.

DEATH

ROBINSON—In Indian Springs, Nevada County, December 8, 1943, Mrs. Ella Nile Robinson, wife of Guy V. Robinson and mother of Mrs. Avis Eddy and Guy N. Robinson, both of Indian Springs, sister of Mrs. W. E. Johnson of Nevada City, Mrs. Jessie Ennor of Penn Valley and Herbert Nile of Grass Valley, a native of Indian Springs, aged 71 years. Funeral services December 10, 1943, in Grass Valley; interment in Indian Springs Cemetery.

CHURCH MORTGAGE BURNED

At the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning, the members of the Grass Valley Methodist church, and the pastor, Rev. Mark Pike, celebrated the burning of the mortgage on the $65,000 property on South Church street.

Dr. Vernon Brown of Sacramento preached the sermon and Rev. Pike took charge of the ceremony of burning the mortgage.

STUDENTS DANCE

The students of the Nevada City High School gave a formal dance this evening. Proceeds of the evening go to the support of The Quill, the high school annual.

On Christmas, as every day, we'll "keep 'em rolling"

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